GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SARVAPRIYA YOJANA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Governmenthave launched the Sarvapriya Scheme to distribute consumer goods through Fair Price Shops to the poor;

(b) if so, the States where this scheme is being implemented;

(c) the number of consumer goods which are being distributed under this scheme;

(d) the subsidy being given by the Government for this scheme during the last year and current year till date; and

(e) the details of the proposals to increase the number of consumer items under this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : The Government of India have launched a scheme, called Sarvapriya Scheme in July, 2000, which envisages distribution of eleven selected commodities of daily use to the common people. The National Cooperative Consumers' Federation ofIndia Ltd. (NCCF), which is the apex body of consumer cooperatives in the country, has been nominated as the nodal agency to implement the scheme. The Scheme is a voluntaryone and is to be operated in collaboration with the Civil Supplies Departments of the States and their respective State Agencies, who may arrange the distribution through the Fair Price Shops and other Outlets of the State Civil Supplies Corporations and Cooperatives.

(b) : The NCCF has informed that the response with regard tothe Scheme is not very encouraging as many of the States have their own schemes on similar lines. The States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh and Tripura are at present availing the facilities provided under this scheme.

(c) : The eleven selected commodities identified for distribution are Arhar Dal, Gram Dal, Malka Red,Urad Whole, Salt, Tea, Toilet Soaps, Detergent Cake, Exercise Notebooks, Edible Oil and Tooth Paste.

(d) : No Government subsidy either from the Central Government or from the State Governments is available for the Scheme.

(e) : The NCCF has informed that the number of items could be increased on receipt of request from the State Governments.